

Amendment Dated September 22, 2004

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16 and 17 are amended.

Claims 1-18 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

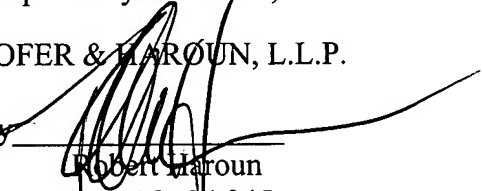
Applicants hereby submit this Preliminary Amendment to correct minor informalities, bringing the application into compliance with U.S. patent practice. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner feels that an interview would facilitate the prosecution of this Application they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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